

# BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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## MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

July 16, 2013

Commission members present: John Brown, Jr., Russell Anzalone and Robbyn Tumey

Others present: County Clerk Tena O'Brien, Kim Dennison, and Sharon Rose

Media: Tom Sissom, Benton County Daily Record

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and welcomed everyone.

### **Minutes:**

Chairman Brown asked if there were any additions or corrections to the June 11 or June 17, 2013 minutes. There being none, Chairman Brown made a motion the minutes be approved as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **New Business:**

- A. Review and Approval of the Paper and Ivotronic Ballots for the Siloam Springs Special Election to be held September 10, 2013: Commissioner Tumey asked Kim Dennison if only one precinct would be opened. Kim responded, yes. Commissioner Tumey stated that the election is for the continuance of a 1% sales tax. There being no further discussion, Chairman Brown made motion to accept the Paper and Ivotronic Ballots for the City of Siloam Springs Special Election to be held on September 10, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Amended Emergency Order to Change Polling Site location from the Bentonville First Baptist Church (Pct. #37) to Bentonville Parks and Recreation located at 215 SW "A" Street, Bentonville AR: Chairman Brown stated that an Amended Emergency Order for the relocation of Precinct 37 is due to an incorrect address being typed on the original order. Chairman Brown stated that the correct address for Bentonville Parks and Recreation is 215 SW "A" Street, Bentonville, AR. There being no further discussion, the order was signed.

**Old Business:**

Commissioner Anzalone stated that the Voter ID law that was passed by the legislature would go into effect January 1, 2014. Commissioner Anzalone stated that the state could issue voter ID cards by using equipment already in place at the DMV offices rather than shifting the task to the county clerk's offices. Commissioner Anzalone continued by stating that the DMV could bill the state for the number of IDs made per county and then the state would not have the expense of purchasing equipment. Commissioner Tumey stated that she feels the Voter ID law will be challenged before it takes effect in 2014. Chairman Brown stated that he will raise the issue at the meeting of the State Board of Election Commissioners in August.

Chairman Brown stated that he would like to drive his personal vehicle to attend the ACECA meeting August 29, 2013 in Little Rock and would like approval from Commissioners Anzalone and Tumey to be reimbursed for mileage. Commissioners Anzalone and Tumey stated they had no problem with Chairman Brown being reimbursed mileage for using his personal vehicle to attend the ACECA meeting in Little Rock on August 29, 2013.

Chairman Brown asked Kim if the state has had a meeting to approve the DS850s. Kim responded, no.

Commissioner Tumey stated that she will begin working on a presentation for the commission to make before the Quorum Court when the budget is being considered to include: possible software to program ballots rather than having to have the work done elsewhere; new DS850s for counting paper ballots; and electronic poll books.

Commissioner Tumey asked County Clerk Tena O'Brien, if the state was going to help with the electronic poll books. County Clerk O'Brien stated that she was waiting to hear from Director of Elections, Rob Hammons on whether or not we would be able to use IPower on Election Day. Election Coordinator Kim Dennison stated that she had followed up with Rob Hammons and that the state would not supply electronic poll books, but would work with ES&S to make IPower work on Election Day. County Clerk O'Brien asked Kim, what electronic poll book she preferred. Kim stated that she preferred the Election Administrators poll books because of backup and paper trail capabilities. County Clerk O'Brien asked Kim an approximate cost for the electronic poll books. Kim stated that the cost is \$1,000 per poll book and that Wi-Fi would also be needed at all locations.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Announcements:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Anzalone, Secretary  
Prepared by Sharon Rose  
Benton County Election Commission